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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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ANSWER SYSTEM FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT, AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT METHOD

Enclosed a	are:		
X	Sheets of Drawings		
	This application is being filed without an execut	ted Declaration.	
	Priority is claimed from <u>Japanese</u> filed <u>February 9, 2000</u>	_ Application No. <u>2000-0380</u> . X A certified copy is a	
X	Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the discussed in the specification or $\boxed{\mathbb{X}}$ a		tement.
	A verified statement to establish small entity st	atus under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.	
X	Specification: Abstract X, Description	ion 39 pages; and	21 claim(s).
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